



Humanitarian Social Media Yes or No?

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MWF 9:40 am - 10:30 am

Social media brings instant news and information and entertainment to our lives. It is a double-edged sword. It can be used to spread misinformation and hate, but it can also be used to spread kindness and support. We will explore the ethical implications of social media and its impact on society. Students will complete short response essays and a final project.

Are We Our Brains?

Nathaniel Blower

HONOR 350003 MWF 10:45 am - 11:35 am

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In this class we will discuss a number of topics related to the question: Are we our brains? The central focus of the course will be a dispute between Peter Hacker and Daniel Dennett. Hacker argues against the habit in neuroscience of treating brains as though they were people: assuming that brains think, feel, perceive, intend and do all manner of things that ordinarily we say people do, not their brains. Daniel Dennett defends the neuroscientists' claim that Hacker pays too much attention to what we ordinarily say. As we discuss this dispute, we will touch on a number of traditionally philosophical questions about the afterlife, morality, subjectivity and more. On the more scientific side, we will discuss topics in neuroscience, computer science, mathematics, linguistics and more.



